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By: **Chairman, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**  
**(By Request - Departmental - Human Resources)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Child Care Administration Advisory Council - Reimbursement for Expenses**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the reimbursement of travel expenses to certain  
4 members of the Child Care Administration Advisory Council; and generally  
5 relating to the Child Care Administration of the Department of Human  
6 Resources.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Family Law  
9 Section 5-592  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Family Law**

15 5-592.

16 (a) (1) The Council consists of at least 25 members, but no more than 30  
17 members.

18 (2) In appointing members to the Council, the Secretary shall, to the  
19 extent possible, appoint members representing geographically diverse jurisdictions  
20 across the State.

21 (b) The members shall include:

22 (1) 1 member of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of  
23 the Senate;

24 (2) 1 member of the Maryland House of Delegates appointed by the  
25 Speaker of the House;

- 1 (3) at least 1 representative, appointed by the Secretary, from:
- 2 (i) the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
- 3 (ii) the Child Care Administration of the Department of Human  
4 Resources;
- 5 (iii) the Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families;
- 6 (iv) the Head Start Program;
- 7 (v) the State Department of Education;
- 8 (vi) the Office of the State Fire Marshal;
- 9 (vii) a local government;
- 10 (viii) a child care advocacy organization;
- 11 (ix) an independent school, which may include a religious,  
12 nonsectarian, or nursery school;
- 13 (x) a child care resource and referral agency;
- 14 (xi) the Department of the Environment;
- 15 (xii) a community college with an early childhood education  
16 program;
- 17 (xiii) the Maryland Association of Social Services Directors; and
- 18 (xiv) a professional organization concerned with the quality of early  
19 childhood programs;
- 20 (4) at least 1 representative, appointed by the Secretary, who is:
- 21 (i) a local fire official who has responsibility for the enforcement or  
22 administration of fire codes;
- 23 (ii) a user of child care services; and
- 24 (iii) a business person;
- 25 (5) a pediatrician with an interest and expertise in day care issues,  
26 appointed by the Secretary;
- 27 (6) at least two family day care providers, appointed by the Secretary;  
28 and
- 29 (7) at least two child care providers from child care centers, appointed by  
30 the Secretary.

- 1 (c) (1) The term of a member is 3 years.
- 2 (2) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is  
3 appointed and qualifies.
- 4 (3) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for  
5 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- 6 (4) (i) If a vacancy occurs, the Secretary promptly shall appoint a  
7 successor who will serve until the term expires.
- 8 (ii) The successor may be reappointed for a full term.
- 9 (5) Any member who leaves the position with the organization or State  
10 agency that the member represents on the Council shall automatically lose their  
11 appointment to the Council and the Secretary shall promptly appoint a successor.
- 12 (d) From among the members of the Council, the Secretary shall appoint a  
13 chairman.
- 14 (e) (1) A majority of the members then serving on the Council is a quorum.
- 15 (2) The Council shall meet at least once a year at the time and place it  
16 decides.
- 17 (3) The Department shall provide staff for the Council.
- 18 (f) (1) [The members of the Council may not receive compensation or  
19 reimbursement for expenses] A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL MAY NOT RECEIVE  
20 COMPENSATION FOR DUTIES PERFORMED AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.
- 21 (2) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL WHO IS A USER OF CHILD CARE  
22 SERVICES, A FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER, OR A CHILD CARE PROVIDER FROM A  
23 CHILD CARE CENTER IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE  
24 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.
- 25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
26 effect October 1, 2004.